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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action dated September 27, 2006, for which a response was due on December 27, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 27, 2007. January 27, 2007 being a Saturday, this response is timely filed on Monday, January 29, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are in the listing of claims on page 3 of this paper.

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